

# SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Aylett Buckner, of New York City, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary O. Buckner, to William L. Royall, Jr., son of the late William L. Royall, a distinguished lawyer of Richmond, and Mrs. Royall. No date has been announced for the wedding. The engagement is of wide interest to society here and throughout the State. Mr. Royall, who graduated at the Virginia Military Institute three years ago, has made his home in Trenton, N. J., ever since. He belongs to one of the oldest and best-known families in the South, and is descended on both sides of the house from Virginians who have played a prominent part in the making of the social history of the State. Mr. Royall is the great-nephew of Chief Justice John Marshall on his father's side, and is the great-grandson of Patrick Henry, on his mother's side. His mother was Miss Page Aylett, a noted belle and beauty of a generation ago, and her wedding to Mr. Royall in historic St. Paul's Church here was a brilliant society event. The Aylett home was known everywhere for its hospitality, and many beautiful functions took place there. Mr. Royall's grandfather, Patrick Henry Aylett, an eloquent and brilliant lawyer, was killed in the full of his career in 1870. Mr. Aylett was Miss Emily Coker Rutherford, who is a lovely young girl, is an only daughter. Her father is first vice-president and manager of the New York Life Insurance Company, having come from Kentucky to New York to make his home. He is a cousin of the late General Buller Buckner, of Kentucky. The young couple's fiancée met at a dance last September, given on board the President's yacht, the Mayflower. They are distant cousins, two Aylett brothers having married two Buckners in 1811 and 1818.

**Back From the South.**  
Mrs. Ben Nash, of 802 West Franklin Street, has returned from Richmond, after spending some time in the South. Mrs. Nash and Miss Cunningham attended the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and were entertained at a number of social affairs there.

**Going to Washington.**  
Many Richmond people will leave this week to attend the inauguration in Washington, and the Governor's party will include prominent guests from the State. Miss Alice Meredith will go up today to be the guest of relatives in Washington for a week's stay. She will be among the out-of-town guests present at a large reception to be given by the President, Marshall and Mrs. Wood in honor of the students of Culver Academy, Indiana. The cadets will take part in the inaugural ceremonies, and several functions have been planned for them during their stay in Washington. Miss Keith Saville will also leave this week to spend some time in Washington. She will not return to her home in Richmond for some time.

**Reception at the Hermitage.**  
The Hermitage Country Club has issued invitations for a large reception to be held at the old house, the club at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The occasion will celebrate the reception of the new year, and the present location on Broad Street, which has been the home of the club since its organization in 1906, and will be a day of unusual interest.

**Informal Dinner.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Willis, of "Pembroke," on the Cary Street Road, were hosts for a small dinner party last evening at 7:30 o'clock. Covers were laid for ten, and those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baskerville, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. H. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Fairfax Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. St. Paul, Miss Henry Anderson and Mr. Currie.

**Young Day.**  
Miss William Scott Gray, of Walnut Grove, Nottingham County, announces the engagement of her daughter, Katherine Josephine, to Gordon Victor Jones, of Nottingham, Maryland. The marriage will take place the last of June.

**Alliance Française to Meet.**  
On Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, there will be a meeting of the Richmond Group of the Alliance Française at the Art Club of Richmond. Monsieur Louis Delamarre, of New York, general secretary of the society, will be the speaker. All are invited.

**Married in Washington.**  
Miss Annie E. Godsey, daughter of Patrick E. Godsey, formerly of Morehead City, N. C., and now in the city, and William M. Smith, of Richmond, were married in Washington Thursday. After an extended stay in the city, Mr. and Mrs. Smith will return to the Twelfth Street on the Southside.

**Will Visit New York.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Beth Lorton, of Long Island, N. Y., who have been stopping at the Jefferson Hotel for several months, are going to New York for a few weeks, and will return to Richmond for the spring season. Mr. and Mrs. Lorton expect to spend some time next summer at the Warm Springs, and later to visit Colorado and the Pacific Coast.

**IN AND OUT OF TOWN.**  
Miss Henrietta Lee Goldsborough, of Leesburg, is visiting in the city. Mrs. Llewellyn McVeigh, of Monument Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarratt, of Maryland, and family and Mrs. Hardy, of Tennessee, are spending several months at the Chesterfield. Mrs. Jarratt is the daughter of Mr. Jarratt, of Maryland.

Miss Gay Blackford is spending some time with Miss Nannie Jones, at 111 East Franklin Street.

Misses Florence and Lizzie Trevilian are the guests of their sister, Miss Carrie Trevilian, in Chicago.

Miss Mary Jones has returned to Richmond, after a short stay with friends in Chicago.

Mrs. Preston Belvin has returned home, after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Kruse, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

J. T. Farr and his daughter, Ruth, will leave today for Washington, where they will be the guests of relatives for the inauguration.

C. B. Luck has returned to Ashland after a short stay in this city.

Mrs. William Brewster has returned to Petersburg, after a visit to friends in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hooftagle have returned to Richmond, after a visit to Mrs. Cardozo in Ashland.

Miss Jessie Shoott, who has been the guest of Miss Annie Steyer, in Suffolk, returned to Richmond this week.

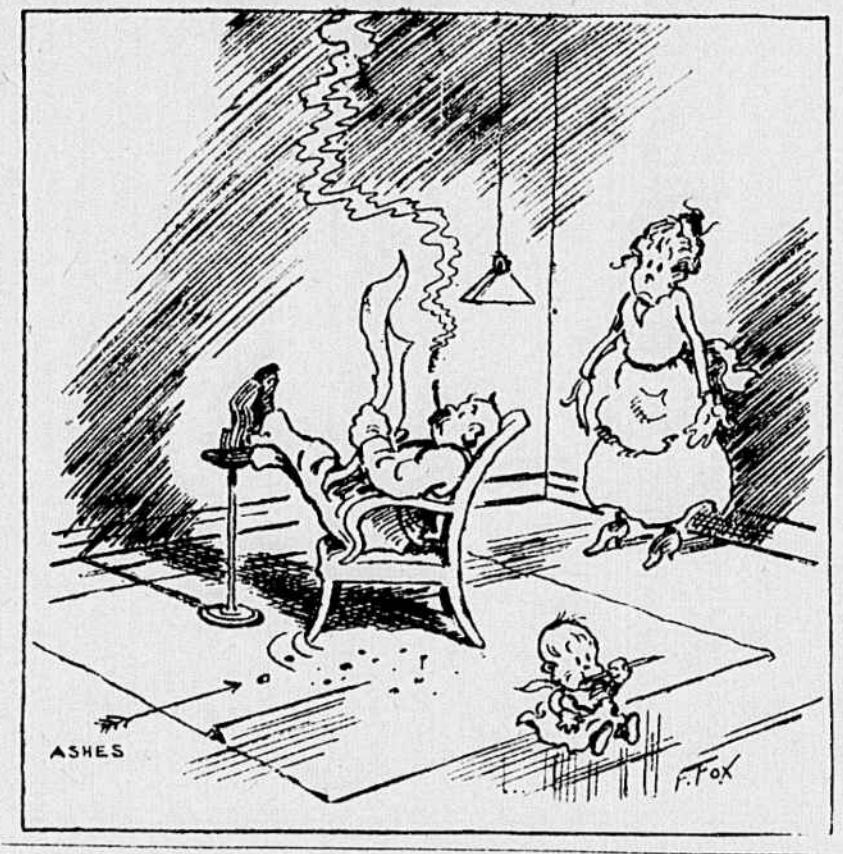
Mrs. J. A. Hooftagle has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. Lee Gravelly, in Rocky Mount, N. C.

Mrs. D. R. Midyette has been the recent guest of friends in Washington, where she spent some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Harman Proctor are spending the month of March in Richmond.

The James River Garden Club will meet on Monday afternoon, March 5.

## Mother Is Simply Distressed to Death Over the Way Father Uses the New Ash-Stand She Bought Him. Copyright, 1917, by Wheeler Syndicate, Inc. By F. Fox.



ASHES

with Mrs. John Dunn, at 411 East Franklin Street. All members are urged to attend as this is the annual meeting, and officers will be elected at this time.

## AMUSEMENTS

**Academy Turns "Pop" House.**  
If the management of the Academy of Music wishes to destroy the standing of the house as a theater of the better class, it can find no surer way than to continue booking such "attractive" as "When a Girl Loves," which opened an engagement of three performances there last night.

The first few minutes of the first act seemed to confirm the impression. The first act, which was a comedy, was a production of the International Circuit, which formerly played the Bijou Theater and then transferred its bookings to the Strand. As a popular show in a popular price house, "When a Girl Loves" is about the average rural-West-Comedy presented in a theater which purports to offer to an established clientele the best dramatic and musical productions obtainable on the road. It is a joke. As there were less than 150 people in the house last night, it could hardly be taken as a serious affront.

One man, programmed as Ralph Dull, had an almost-human part and played it humanly. And there was one real bit of comedy. Just before the Indian kills the villain for which the price is arrested and tried—the villain, explaining the heroine's recumbent position with the line: "When I asked her to marry me, she fainted." Right there, the whole 150 laughed. Furthermore, the first curtain went down at 10:30.

**John Drew Here Monday.**  
"Major Pennington," the play made by Langdon Mitchell from the Thackeray novel, in which John Drew is to be seen at the Academy Monday night, the actor is returning to a picture which he has always at his best, that of light comedy set in a romantic, quaintly-costumed environment suggestive of the memorable "Rosemary." John D. Williams has surrounded him with a notable company, including Helen McKellar, Allison Skipworth, Jane Houston, Mary Worth, Helen Menken, Edith Shayne, Helen Beaumont, Walter Kingsford, Charles Kennedy, Edward Fitch, Harold West, John S. O'Brien and numerous others.

## CAMP FIRE GIRLS VOLUNTEER

**Pledge Their \$8,000 Members to "Preparedness in the Home."**

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 2.—The Camp Fire Girls yesterday signed the Preparedness Pledge, pledging the \$8,000 members to "preparedness in the home" through caring for children, economic preparation of food, the practice of first aid and the guarding of the health of the women of the nation.

## FIGHT PROPOSED TAX

**Danville Tobacco Men Will Meet to Discuss Proposed Levy on Leaf Dealers.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., March 2.—A call has been issued for the tobacco men of Danville to meet to-morrow morning at the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the tobacco tax it is proposed to levy on the leaf dealers of this city. The Council is about to act on a tax measure which would impose besides a flat tax, a purchase tax of 80 cents per 100 pounds. The present tax is 50 cents per 100 pounds.

If the new tax becomes effective it will mean that the larger firms will have to pay heavily for their purchases here. Members of the finance committee will hear views of the tobacco men at the meeting and will ask for suggestions.

**Danville Elks Elect.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, VA., March 2.—The Danville lodge of Elks elected officers for the coming year last night as follows: Marshall P. Cobb, exalted ruler; I. W. Cobb, elected leading knight; Hugh Guernant, esteemed loyal knight; B. B. Noel, esteemed lecturing knight; J. D. Knight, secretary; W. L. Fox, treasurer; John Lee, Jr., floor; J. M. Lea and C. M. Plunk, trustees; J. M. Lea, retiring exalted ruler, was chosen representative to the grand lodge, with H. B. Trundle, alternate.

**Guthrie-Waller.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 2.—J. B. Guthrie and Miss Sue Waller, daughter of R. E. Waller, were married on Wednesday at the home of the bride, near County, Rev. J. B. Williams officiating.

**Straws Reshaped.**  
NORRIS NEW MODELS (Also Men's Hats) VERRA HAT WORKS, 231 North First (Rear of B. B. Branch). MAIL ORDERS.

**WOMEN'S MEETINGS.**  
The James River Garden Club will meet on Monday afternoon, March 5.

## TRADE CONDITIONS SHOW SPIRIT OF CONSERVATISM

**Review of Nation's Business by American National Notes Significant Changes.**

### FORESEES BUSY YEAR IN 1917

**Situation Created by Diplomatic Break With Germany, Says Monthly Letter, Will Engage Serious Business Men in Coming Months.**

For the first time in more than six months, a general letter on trade conditions issued by the American National Bank, the total volume of business in this country during the month has failed to show a gain over the previous month, transactions during January having been slightly less than in the closing months of 1916. This can hardly be taken as a cause for apprehension, the letter states, but rather as a sign that welcome conservatism has become a factor in the current business.

"Exports of merchandise in December," the letter says, "aggregated \$521,000,000, compared with \$509,000,000 in December, 1916, and imports totaled \$295,000,000, compared with \$279,000,000 in December a year before, making a favorable balance of trade for the month of \$226,000,000, compared with \$130,000,000 in December, 1916. Merchandise exports for the entire year 1916 totaled \$5,411,000,000, compared with \$5,555,000,000 in 1915, and imports were \$2,929,000,000, compared with \$2,779,000,000 in 1915. The favorable balance of trade for 1916 of \$2,482,000,000 sets a new high record, and compares with \$1,776,000,000 for 1915.

"Bank clearings in January, at 174 cities, were not quite \$26,000,000,000, compared with \$26,000,000,000 in January, 1916, an increase of 27 per cent. and compared with \$20,000,000,000 in December. Outside of New York City, clearings were over \$10,000,000,000, compared with \$9,000,000,000 in January, 1916, and \$8,000,000,000 in December. Of the cities reporting, 157 recorded larger clearings than ever before in any one month.

### DECREASE STOCKS IN JANUARY, 1916

"There were 1,549 business failures in January, compared with 1,804 in January a year ago, and liabilities aggregated \$22,000,000, compared with \$22,000,000 in January, 1916. The concerns failing in January, 1917, had assets of over \$12,000,000, compared with \$10,000,000 in January, 1916, and liabilities of \$10,000,000, compared with \$10,000,000 in January, 1916.

"Financing by corporations during January totaled \$153,000,000, compared with \$152,000,000 in January, 1916. The concerns financing in January, 1917, had assets of over \$12,000,000, compared with \$10,000,000 in January, 1916, and liabilities of \$10,000,000, compared with \$10,000,000 in January, 1916.

"New and large corporations formed during January, 1917, a total capitalization of \$312,000,000, compared with \$322,000,000 in January, 1916, the last month having been the largest in this respect in several years. Concerns capitalized at \$1,000,000 or over made up \$244,000,000 of the January total, compared with \$221,000,000 in January, 1916.

"The work cut out for us on the Mexican border, in Cuba, in Haiti, the situation created by our recent diplomatic break with the German empire and the possibility of the severing of diplomatic relations with other central powers—all of these, together with the tremendous business activity of the country, mean that 1917 will be indeed a busy year for the thoughtful, careful and progressive business man."

**Milk Producers at Banquet.**  
The Farmers' Milk Producers' Association held its first anniversary banquet at Murphy's Hotel last night. Harry Reattle acted as toastmaster, and addresses were made by Dr. E. C. Lewis, chief of health officers, J. O. Scott, W. L. Brittle, president of the W. M. Saunders, Lewis Ellis and W. M. Caste.

The association is made up of dealers who supply Richmond with milk.

**Unitary Teachers Meet.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., March 2.—An interesting meeting of the Unitary Teachers' Association was held at the high school here to-day. President E. L. Rhoades, of the association, presided. Thomas P. Howard, principal of the John Marshall High School, Richmond, delivered the chief address on "The Honor System."

**Dairymen's Meeting Closes.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 2.—The annual convention of the Virginia State Dairymen's Association closed here to-day, with the election of officers. J. E. Schuchman, Winchester, was elected president. T. J. Strachan, Richmond, vice-president, and A. E. Howard, Farmville, secretary and treasurer.

**Whitehouse and Atkinson to Watch for Crooks in Big Crowd at Washington.**  
Detective Sergeants Whitehouse and Atkinson left Richmond yesterday afternoon for Washington, where they will assist the police of that city in maintaining order during the inaugural ceremonies Monday. It has been the custom for a number of years for every important detective department under the control of the department of the national capital at the inauguration of a President. The two Richmond detectives will be on duty in Washington until Tuesday of next week, and will receive \$15 per day and all expenses for the trip.

**To Be Married on March 22.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., March 2.—On March 22, Miss Florence Preston Eastley, of this place, will become the bride of John Frederick Quensen. It will be an afternoon wedding, at the home of the bride's parents, Colonel and Mrs. Henry Eastley.

**The Handbags That Will Be Most In Use**  
Fashion has decreed Silk and Beaded Handbags, and these at the present time are receiving very much attention.

Leather is always in demand, however, and only its scarcity gives its rivals the supremacy.

We have on hand and on display an extensive collection of Silk and Beaded Bags, "Pouch" style, at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$8.00.

**HEROLIN**  
HAIR DRESSING.  
Not Sticky or Gummy.  
Stops dandruff and falling hair. Makes hair soft, shiny, long, makes hair soft and silky, makes hair grow and is at the same time a hair dressing.

Are you troubled with itching scalp? Does your hair fall out? Does it seem to stay only a length of time? If you are troubled with any of these conditions, try Herolin Hair Dressing.

Send 25c (stamps or coin) for a large bottle of Herolin. Sold on money-back guarantee.  
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**AGENTS WANTED** Write for TERMS

## Retail Market Unsettled. Vegetables of All Kinds Are Scarce and Hard to Get.

The retail market is still unsettled, and the prices on various articles, especially vegetables and fruits, vary from day to day. Vegetables of all kinds are scarce and hard to get. The recent cold weather out the far South gardens short, and the receipts continue light. The lovers of the early spring salads simply have to do without. There is no turnip salad to be had, and the spinach supply is very limited. Fresh country eggs are in better supply, and the price has come off to 10 cents per dozen, and sometimes one can find them for a little less than that. The early potatoes on the market are going at \$1.25 per bushel. There are but few to be had even at that price. Dressed poultry is a scarce commodity, but there are as yet no changes in the prices asked for fresh meats.

The following quotations will rule early this morning:

**Fruits.**  
Cooling apples, 10¢ per bushel.  
Oranges, 10¢ per bushel.  
Lemons, 10¢ per bushel.  
Bananas, 10¢ per bushel.  
Grapes, 10¢ per bushel.  
Pineapples, 10¢ per bushel.  
Mangoes, 10¢ per bushel.

**Vegetables.**  
Cucumbers, 10¢ per bushel.  
Green peppers, 10¢ per bushel.  
Cabbage, 10¢ per bushel.  
Carrots, 10¢ per bushel.  
Spinach, 10¢ per bushel.  
New potatoes, 10¢ per bushel.  
Old potatoes, 10¢ per bushel.  
Beets, 10¢ per bushel.  
Celery, 10¢ per bushel.  
Eggplant, 10¢ per bushel.  
Tomatoes, 10¢ per bushel.

**Meats and Other Sea Food.**  
Pork chops, 10¢ per pound.  
Roast pork, 10¢ per pound.  
Ham, 10¢ per pound.  
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## AUSTRIA WANTS TO STAY ON GOOD TERMS WITH U. S.

**Determines to Make Every Reasonable Effort to Maintain Diplomatic Relations.**

### FLYING IN FACE OF GERMANY

**One Group Convinced That Government Is Asserting Its Independence of Berlin—Date for Reply to American Note Not Yet Set.**

(By Associated Press.)  
BERN, SWITZERLAND, March 1 (via Paris, March 2).—The recent reports that the Austro-Hungarian government has determined to make every effort to maintain diplomatic relations with the United States is corroborated by information reaching here from Vienna.

The strong impression prevails that Austria-Hungary intends to make every sacrifice which it regards as reasonable to avoid a rupture, although such action apparently would mean flying in the face of Germany.

An American in close touch with an Austrian diplomatic affairs who arrived in Bern to-day said that opinion was divided among those who expect Austria to attempt to locate America as to the causes underlying the divergence from the policy of Germany. One group, he said, believed Germany was acquiescing for the purpose of preserving unbroken an indirect bond between herself and the United States, while the other group was convinced that Austria was asserting independence of Germany.

That the American embassy at Vienna is not expecting an immediate break is perhaps indicated by the action of Joseph C. Grey, counselor of the embassy, who to-day telegraphed to Mrs. Grey to go to Vienna. She will depart to-morrow.

The Basler Nachrichten reports from Vienna that it is officially confirmed negotiations with the United States are still in progress, and that it is announced semi-officially that the date for Austria's reply to the American memorandum has not been settled, as the examination of questions of international law brought by the American note has not been concluded by the Foreign Office.

**WHAT MIDDLEMAN MAKES ON APPLES.**  
MACON, MO., March 2.—Robert Shoush, a local dealer in fruit and flowers, received this week from the Quincy (Ill.) Produce Company a barrel of Jonathan apples with a bill for \$6.50. In going through the apples, Mr. Shoush found this written on a piece of paper:

"Dear Sir:—This barrel of apples was packed by Alfred Lopper, Rural Route No. 1, Quincy, Ill., and was sold for \$2.50. Please write me and tell me what you paid for them."

Mr. Shoush has supplied the producer with the information called for. He showed Mr. Lopper's note to the traveling salesman for the firm from which he purchased the apples, and asked what would be the price of another barrel of the same sort.

**Why Eat Potatoes?**  
"At eight cents a pound the potato is a needless luxury," says the New York Board of Health. The potato is seventy-five per cent water and the rest is mostly starch. It is a good food when eaten in combination with protein foods—but not worth eight cents a pound. Cut out meat, eggs and high-priced vegetables and stick to cereals and fruits. Two Shredded Wheat Biscuits (cost two cents) with milk make a complete meal, supplying all the nutriment needed for a half day's work. For breakfast with hot milk; for dinner with sliced bananas or stewed prunes. Made at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

**Roanoke Rotarians in Lynchburg.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 2.—The Roanoke Rotarians paraded the streets of Lynchburg this afternoon, giving a number of "stunts" before going to the Oakwood Country Club, where they assisted in the installation of officers of the organization recently perfected here. More than fifty Roanokers came by special train, returning before midnight. At the Country Club a banquet was served in honor of the visitors.

**Charized With Working Children.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., March 2.—J. B. Chidwell, agent of the State Labor Bureau, has preferred twenty-five additional charges against local concerns and business people for working children under sixteen years of age. The cases will come up in the Police Court on March 5.

**Healthful Mothers.**  
A woman desires to remain healthy and to retain her good looks after giving birth to her child. Women who go through the period of pregnancy, lactation, and the post-natal period, and suffering are those who prepare their system in advance of baby's coming.

"Mother's Friend" is prepared to give the mother-to-be the direct and immediate help she needs. The muscles expand easier. The breasts are kept in good condition.

Write for free book. Merely address Bradford Regulator Company, Dept. A, 86 Atlanta, Ga.

**MOTHER'S FRIEND**  
The system is prepared and the crisis is one of much less danger. Three generations of women have used "Mother's Friend." They say they would not go through the period of expectancy without it. Even the most delicate and nervous expectant mother should be given "Mother's Friend" for you from the drugist.